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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit 3726

Examiner: R. Chang

In re application of

Gamel et al.

Serial No. 09/466,521

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COMPONENT ALIGNMENT
APPARATUSES AND METHODS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION FILED WITH RCE

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222
July 10, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 23, 2001 (the "Office Action") and to place the above captioned application ("subject application") in better condition for allowance, please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims

Please withdraw without prejudice claims 57-60 as dependent upon the non-elected withdrawn claim 55.

Please cancel claims 53 and 54 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 30, 44, 61, 62, 64, 72 and 74 as follows:

C/suBD 30. (Thrice Amended) A component transfer apparatus for transferring a component having leads, said apparatus comprising: